

sleep in our beds safe at night because rough men stand ready to visit violence on those who would do us harm.

May we continue to defend this Nation. May we continue to defend the constitutional rights of our citizens, and may we always remind ourselves of the price that military heroes of the past have paid so that can happen.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

RECORD votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

EARL D. HUTTO POST OFFICE BUILDING

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5107) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1400 West Jordan Street in Pensacola, Florida, as the "Earl D. Hutto Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 5107

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. EARL D. HUTTO POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1400 West Jordan Street in Pensacola, Florida, shall be known and designated as the "Earl D. Hutto Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Earl D. Hutto Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks, and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 5107, offered by the distinguished gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER), would designate the post office building in Pensacola, Florida, as the "Earl D. Hutto Post Office Building." All Members of the Florida

delegation have cosponsored this delegation.

Earl Hutto was born near Midland City, Alabama, and was educated in the public schools, graduating from Dale County High School in Ozark, Alabama. He served in the U.S. Navy as a seaman first class aboard heavy cruiser USS *Bremerton*. After graduating with degrees in business, English, and education in 1949, he went on to teach business at Cottonwood High School in Alabama for 2 years.

Later in his professional life, Hutto became the program director, sports director and announcer for WDIG in Dothan, Alabama, for 3 years. As his television career developed, he relocated to the State of Florida and became the sports director and State news editor of WJHG-TV in Panama City, Florida.

In 1972, he was elected to the Florida house of representatives where he served three terms. In 1978, he was elected to the U.S. Congress and served eight terms until his retirement in 1995. His dedication to Florida politics earned him such awards as Legislator of the Year by the Florida Association of Retarded Citizens, Legislator of the Year by the Florida Community College Association, and was named Watchdog of the Treasury for six straight Congresses.

I urge all Members to pay homage to a legislator who was truly dedicated to working for his constituents in every way by passing H.R. 5107.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Committee on Government Reform, I am pleased to join my colleague in consideration of H.R. 5107, legislation naming the postal facility in Pensacola, Florida, after Earl D. Hutto.

This measure, sponsored by Mr. Jeff Miller of Florida, has been cosponsored by the entire Florida delegation.

Earl Hutto was born in Alabama on May 12, 1926. He attended Dale County public schools and graduated from Troy State University. He did graduate work in broadcasting and served in World War II in the United States Navy. Prior to serving in the Florida legislature, Earl Hutto worked as a sports director and president of radio stations. He was elected to the Florida legislature in 1972 and reelected in 1974 and 1976.

In 1979, Earl Hutto was elected to represent the First Congressional District of Florida in the U.S. Congress where he served until 1995 when he did not seek reelection. Since then, former Representative Hutto has retired and remains active in his Pensacola community. It is my understanding that Representative Hutto will be celebrating his 80th birthday on May 12. I am sure my colleagues join me in wishing him a great day and many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend my colleague for seeking to honor the political legacy of Earl Hutto and urge the swift passage of this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER).

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of renaming the Jordan Street Post Office in Pensacola to the Earl D. Hutto Post Office Building.

Congressman Hutto represented the First Congressional District from 1978 to 1994. An interesting piece of trivia is that Mr. Hutto's initial congressional office was, in fact, temporarily located in what is now called the Jordan Street Post Office Building.

Congressman Hutto's life is a tale of a man who has achieved the American Dream. Born into a poor, hardworking family in Midland City, Alabama, Earl was the first in his family to graduate from high school and to graduate from college. After several years in the broadcasting business and earning the nickname Captain Supreme from participating in an ice cream commercial, Congressman Hutto entered the life of public service. In 1972, he began his distinguished career in the Florida house of representatives, serving three terms there before running for the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1978, like all new Members of Congress in search of office space, Mr. Hutto was lucky enough to draw number 43 in the House lottery to choose his new office space. Drawing the slip of paper with a room on the fifth floor of Cannon on it, the next day the Pensacola News Journal, our home town newspaper, ran the headline, "Hutto in Old Attic." Like many of us, his desk was here in Washington; however, his home and his heart were planted in Florida's gulf coast.

Congressman Hutto quickly earned the respect of his peers and his colleagues in Washington with his commonsense and straightforward dealings on legislative matters. With a conservative home district, he was known by his constituents as a "Boll Weevil," a group of fiscally and socially conservative Southern Democrats.

As a member of the House Armed Services Committee and chairman of the Readiness Subcommittee, he worked tirelessly for the benefit of our military men and women at home and overseas. Under his leadership, he helped create the U.S. Special Operations Command in which the Joint Special Operations University resides on Hurlburt Field in Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

Congressman Hutto learned early on with God and family as your moral compass, you cannot be steered wrong. As a family man, he is quick to credit his wife, Nancy, and his two daughters, Lori Hutto and Amy Stubblefield, for his accomplishments and strength of character.

Congressman Hutto spent eight terms in the U.S. House before retiring in Pensacola. Today, he stays busy with his church, his Rotary Club, and participation on a number of charitable boards. He also sponsors golf tournaments to fund scholarship endowments at five area institutions through his foundation. As you can see, Mr. Hutto was and continues to be a trusted face and voice throughout northwest Florida. We are very fortunate to have such a distinguished gentleman with a genuine concern for local issues representing them in Washington, D.C.

So on behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to thank Earl Hutto for his 22 years of public service in the U.S. House of Representatives and wish him an early happy 80th birthday.

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to declare my support for H.R. 5107, a House measure offered by U.S. Rep. JEFF MILLER, R-Florida, to designate the United States Post Office at 1400 West Jordan Street in Pensacola, Florida the "Earl D. Hutto Post Office."

Congressman EARL HUTTO proudly served Florida's first district from 1979 to 1995. He was a strong voice for his district on the House Armed Services Committee where he rose to the position of chairman of the Readiness Subcommittee. During Democrat and Republican administrations, he was an effective and reliable advocate for our military men and women and a credit to the U.S. House.

Earl and I go way back and it turns out we have a lot in common. In addition to having served in the House together, we both hail from a media background. He chose broadcasting and I worked for 30 years in print journalism. But even more unique is the fact that he and I both come from the tiny Dale County, Alabama town of Midland City. As remarkable as it may sound, and we did not realize it until we both came to Congress, but Earl and I even lived in the same Midland City house at different times.

I have missed Earl's presence here in the House since his well deserved retirement and I was pleased to speak at a ceremony honoring him last year at his alma mater, Troy University, in my district.

I wish Earl and his wife Nancy all the best as they continue to enjoy life back in Pensacola. This House and the people have not forgotten their contributions to our country.

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, in this chamber, even on the most partisan and bitter debates, it is both customary and a proud tradition to refer to our colleagues as the "distinguished gentleman" or the "distinguished gentle lady."

From time-to-time the American people actually see Members of this body who truly fit the description of their honorary titles. Today, we honor one such person—a distinguished gentleman if there ever was one—Congressman Earl Hutto of Florida's 1st Congressional District.

I wish to thank the gentleman from Chumuckla, my very good friend, Congressman JEFF MILLER, for bringing this resolution to the floor today and for finding this way—and a very appropriate opportunity that it is—to honor and pay tribute to Earl Hutto, a man of the House, a man of integrity and a man for whom many of us hold in the highest regards.

As Congressman MILLER and I have discussed numerous times, it is both a tremen-

dous honor—and at times it can be a little intimidating—to follow a real legend in this hallowed chamber.

Like my predecessor, Congressman Sonny Callahan, the name Earl Hutto is synonymous with all the good qualities of a truly outstanding public servant—honesty, trustworthiness, love of country, love of family, humility, faith, and integrity. I cannot imagine a more principled man has ever been elected to serve in this city, and I know—first-hand—that no one has ever worked harder or more tirelessly on behalf of his constituents than Earl Hutto.

A native of Midland City, a small town near Dothan in Alabama's Wiregrass, Earl knew that three qualities—honesty, hard work, and being a man of your word—were essential if you were to be successful in the game of life.

Early on, young Earl Hutto recognized that he had a duty to his country and he served in the U.S. Navy as a Seaman First Class. Later, he attended Troy State University on the G.I. Bill and graduated with a B.S. degree in Business-English-Education in 1949.

Although he had a brief stint teaching high school, Earl had a God-given talent for broadcasting, and in no time, Earl Hutto became a household name in places like Dothan, Montgomery, Pensacola, and Panama City. As sports director, of WSFA-TV in Montgomery, Earl was the host of Coach Shug Jordan's statewide telecast which—with all due respect to our work up here—may still rank higher in the eyes of the Auburn football nation than any elected office on the face of the earth.

After a highly successful career in broadcasting, Earl opened his own advertising agency and soon embarked on a path that led him into public service. He was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 1972, where he served three terms, and was elected to the U.S. Congress in 1978 where he served eight terms until his retirement in 1995.

Earl Hutto was a "blue dog" before there was such a thing. He fought for a stronger national defense and was always a true friend to the men and women who wear the uniform of their nation's military.

On fiscal matters, Earl was a longtime proponent of getting our budget balanced and not spending more than we take in, and he was one of the early advocates of a biennial budgeting process—something many of us still believe would help restore some fiscal sanity to the process.

Whether there was a Democrat in the White House or a Republican, Earl Hutto always attempted to vote the right way and do the right thing. He always put his country first—well above any loyalty to a political party.

Mr. Speaker, knowing Earl Hutto as I do, I am sure the last thing he would want is some building with his name on it—that was never what motivated Earl in the least bit. However, in this day and age where there is so much partisan divide in our country, I can't think of a better time or more appropriate opportunity for those of us in this body to come together—Democrats and Republicans alike—and pay a lasting tribute to who made this House a better place—Congressman Earl Hutto.

Earl, may you and Nancy, Lori and Amy, and your beautiful granddaughters Ellie and Abbie know that your legacy is living on and your service to others continues to inspire a whole new generation of leaders.

Again, I thank my friend, JEFF MILLER, for bringing this matter before the House, and I urge unanimous adoption of the resolution.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support the passage of H.R. 5107, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5107.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

JOHN PAUL HAMMERSCHMIDT POST OFFICE BUILDING

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4811) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 215 West Industrial Park Road in Harrison, Arkansas, as the "John Paul Hammerschmidt Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4811

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. JOHN PAUL HAMMERSCHMIDT POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 215 West Industrial Park Road in Harrison, Arkansas, shall be known and designated as the "John Paul Hammerschmidt Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "John Paul Hammerschmidt Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 4811, offered by the distinguished gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN), would designate the post office building in Harrison, Arkansas, as the John Paul Hammerschmidt Post Office Building.

Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt represented the Third District of Arkansas in the U.S. House of Representatives in the 90th Congress through the 102nd Congress. He was elected to 13 terms and served 26 years during the administrations of six Presidents. During his years in Congress,